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[Cox]

FOR Farm Family of the Week

TIME 12:25-1:00 p.m.

BY Howard Langfitt

DATE Fri. Jan. 27, 1961

VIDEO	AUDIO
CAMERA ON LANGFITT	I WANT TO SAY IN THE VERY BEGINNING THAT I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO THE MADISON COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF COUNTY AGENT, R. L. (BUDDY) SMITH, FOR THEIR VERY WONDERFUL HELP IN SELECTING THE FAMILY WHICH WE SALUTE TODAY. I WANT ESPECIALLY TO THANK ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. MARIAN QUINN AND ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT HOLLIS PRICE, FOR GOING WITH ME TO THIS FAMILY'S FARM TO HELP ME OBTAIN THE STORY WHICH I AM NOW GOING TO TELL. THIS IS THE STORY OF MR. AND MRS. MURRAY S. COX, JUNIOR AND THEIR SIX DAUGHTERS, WHO LIVE ON AND FARM 800 ACRES OF MADISON COUNTY LAND ON THE MADISON TO FLORA ROAD ABOUT TWO MILES NORTHWEST OF MADISON, MISSISSIPPI. THIS IS A FINE STORY OF FARMING AND HOMEMAKING ACCOMPLISHMENT...BUT IT'S AN EVEN BETTER STORY OF SIX FINE DAUGHTERS AND THE 4-H CLUB ACCOMPLISHMENTS THEY HAVE AND ARE CONTINUING TO MAKE. ONLY FIVE OF THE DAUGHTERS ARE STILL AT HOME. THE ELDEST, 21 YEAR OLD LUCY, WHO WAS A REALLY OUTSTANDING 4-H CLUB MEMBER, IS MARRIED TO ANOTHER OUTSTANDING MADISON COUNTY 4-H CLUBBER.. WAYNE LOFT...AND THEY ARE LIVING IN ALABAMA WHERE WAYNE IS IN VETERINARY SCHOOL AT AUBURN.
SLIDE <u>FARM-1</u> <u>FAMILY</u>	

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SLIDE FARM-2  
HOME

SLIDE FARM-3  
HOUSE

SLIDE FARM-4  
MEN & TRUCK

LET ME, RIGHT NOW, IDENTIFY THE MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY STILL AT HOME. SEATED ON THE FLOOR IN FRONT ARE TWO LITTLE CHARMERS...SIX YEAR OLD DOROTHY NELL AND EIGHT YEAR OLD MURRAY CLAIRE. OTHERWISE...LEFT TO RIGHT ARE...12 YEAR OLD LINDA, 18 YEAR OLD KAY, MRS. COX, MURRAY, AND 15 YEAR OLD MAE. THIS IS THE LOVELY COUNTRY HOME IN WHICH MR. AND MRS. MURRAY COX AND THEIR GIRLS LIVE. THEY BUILT IT TWO YEARS AGO AND PRIOR TO THAT TIME LIVED IN THE OLD FAMILY HOME WHICH MURRAY'S FATHER MOVED INTO WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE BOY. THIS IS A FOUR BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOUSE WHICH MR. AND MRS. COX AND THE GIRLS DESIGNED THEMSELVES. MURRAY COX ATTENDED SCHOOL IN MADISON. MRS. COX GREW UP IN JACKSON WHERE SHE ATTENDED ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL. WHEN SHE WAS IN THE TENTH GRADE HER FAMILY MOVED TO MADISON BUT SHE SAYS SHE RECALLS THAT SHE INSISTED ON CONTINUING SCHOOL IN JACKSON...THAT IS SHE DID UNTIL SHE MET MURRAY OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS...AND SHE IMMEDIATELY TRANSFERED TO MADISON. AFTER FINISHING HIGH SCHOOL MURRAY WENT TO COPIAH-LINCOLN JUNIOR COLLEGE FOR ONE YEAR AND THEN CAME BACK TO THE FARM. THEY WERE MARRIED IN JULY OF 1938. AT THE TIME MURRAY

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SLIDE FARM-5  
PASTURE

WAS FARMING THE 800 ACRES WITH HIS FATHER AND IT HAS NEVER CHANGED. TO THIS DAY HE AND HIS FATHER, MR. MURRAY S. COX, SENIOR, ARE PARTNERS IN THE FARMING OPERATION. WHEN THEY STARTED OUT MOST ALL THEIR FARMING OPERATION WAS ROW CROP. NOW IT'S ALMOST ENTIRELY LIVE-STOCK. THEY STILL RAISE COTTON AND SOME SMALL GRAIN AND PUT UP PASTURE CLIPPINGS FOR HAY. THE LAST FEW YEARS THEY HAVE HAD ABOUT 50 ACRES IN COTTON. IN THE 1930'S THEY HAD AS MUCH AS 200 ACRES IN COTTON. THEY HAVE ALWAYS MADE AT LEAST A BALE TO THE ACRE. HOWEVER, THE USE OF INSECTICIDES AND HIGHER RATE OF FERTILIZATION HAVE INCREASED IT IN RECENT YEARS. THEY USE THEIR BEST LAND FOR COTTON, FOLLOW A COMPLETE INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM. TEST THEIR SOIL AND FERTILIZE ACCORDING TO SOIL NEEDS. MOST OF THE COTTON IS HANDLED WITH DAY LABOR. OVER THE YEARS MURRAY COX HAS CLEARED ABOUT 200 ACRES OF LAND WITH HIS OWN DOZER. HE HAS CLEARED UP GOOD CREEK BOTTOM LAND THAT WAS IN POOR HARDWOODS AND AS HE HAS CLEARED THE LAND HE HAS PROPERLY DRAINED IT. MURRAY SAYS HE IS ABOUT THROUGH NOW. MURRAY COX DOES DITCHING, POND WORK AND OTHER DIRT WORK OF AN AGRICULTURE

SLIDE FARM-6  
PASTURE

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AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-7  
CATTLE ON LAND

NATURE ON A CUSTOM BASIS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. MURRAY SAYS HE DOES HIS OWN WORK WHEN HE RUN OUT OF THE OTHER. MOST OF THE CLEARING HAS BEEN FOR IMPROVED PASTURE. TODAY THEY HAVE 600 ACRES IN PERMANENT PASTURE WHICH CONSISTS MOSTLY OF BERMUDA AND DALLIS GRASS, WHITE DUTCH AND LADINO CLOVER. HE CLIPS THEM FOR WEED CONTROL AND TAKES 100 TONS OF GRASS HAY OFF EACH YEAR FOR WINTER FEEDING. TEMPORARY GRAZING CONSISTS OF OATS AND RYE GRASS. <sup>50 ACRES OF</sup> THE RYE GRASS IS SOD <sup>ALONG</sup> SEEDED INTO THE PERMANENT PASTURE AREA... ~~ABOUT~~ WITH WILD PEAS AND CRIMSON CLOVER.

SLIDE FARM-8  
CATTLE ON LAND

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ MURRAY ALSO PUTS OUT 100 ACRES OF OATS WHICH HE USUALLY GRAZES ALL THE WAY DOWN BUT WILL CUT FOR GRAIN THIS YEAR. MURRAY HAS EIGHT PASTURE AREAS AND 8-10 STOCK PONDS FOR WATERING HIS LIVESTOCK. HE ROTATES HIS GRAZING AND RUNS HIS LIVESTOCK IN ABOUT THREE DIFFERENT HERDS...THE BROOD COWS IN ONE... THE HEIFERS IN ANOTHER AND WHAT STEERS HE SAVES IN STILL ANOTHER. MURRAY'S TOTAL BEEF HERD IS 250 HEAD....150 OF THEM ARE GOOD QUALITY BROOD COWS. THEY ARE GRADE COWS BUT MURRAY USES TOP QUALITY REGISTERED ANGUS BULLS IN HIS BREEDING PROGRAM. HE USUALLY RUNS ABOUT 200 BROOD COWS BUT HAS BEEN CULLING THE HERD AND

SLIDE FARM-9  
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SLIDE FARM-10  
CATTLESLIDE FARM-11  
CATTLESLIDE FARM-12  
HEIFERSSLIDE FARM-13  
MACHINERY

HASN'T BUILT BACK UP YET. MURRAY COX FOLLOWS A COMMERCIAL COW AND CALF PROGRAM. HE CREEP FEEDS ALL THE CALVES AND GETS ABOUT AN 80% CALF CROP. HE CALFHOOD VACCINATES AND THE HERD IS TB AND BANGS TESTED. IF HEIFERS ARE CHEAP MURRAY SAVES SOME OF HIS BEST TO GO BACK INTO THE HERD AS REPLACEMENT STOCK BUT HE SAYS HE USUALLY DOES BETTER BUYING STOCKER COWS AND SELLING THE HEIFERS. THEY ALMOST BRING ENOUGH TO BUY A STOCKER COW AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT TWO YEARS TO GET A CALF. THIS YEAR HE DID SAVE 50 HEIFERS TO GO INTO THE HERD. HE SPRAY THE CATTLE REGULARLY FOR PARASITE AND INSECT CONTROL AND DURING THE WINTER MONTHS MURRAY SAYS HE FEEDS THEM HAY EVERY OTHER DAY WHETHER THEY NEED IT OR NOT. MURRAY'S PLANS FOR THE FUTURE ARE TO STAY MOSTLY WITH A COMMERCIAL BEEF PROGRAM AND GROW A LITTLE MORE GRAIN THAN HE HAS IN THE PAST. HE IS A COMPLETELY MECHANIZED FARMER AND HAS ALL THE EQUIPMENT HE NEEDS FOR HIS FARMING OPERATION AND FOR THE CUSTOM WORK WHICH HE DOES. AT ONE TIME MURRAY COX AND HIS FATHER GREW A LOT OF CORN AND HOGGED IT OFF AND HE MAY GET BACK INTO IT. THEY ALSO RAISE ABOUT 20 GOATS FOR BARBECUING. MURRAY



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SLIDE FARM-14  
TRUCK

SAYS THEY BELONG TO DOROTHY NELL AND MURRAY CLAIRES. WHEN THEY BARBECUE THEY DO ENOUGH TO PUT IN THE FREEZER. AT ONE TIME MURRAY COX DID COMMERCIAL TRUCKING BUT NOW HE JUST DOES LOCAL LIVESTOCK HAULING. FOR SIX YEARS UNTIL THIS YEAR, MURRAY COX AND HIS FAMILY HAVE OPERATED A GROCERY STORE, CAFE AND SERVICE STATION IN ~~EXETER~~ MADISON. NOW THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER IN THE STORE BUSINESS THEY PLAN A NUMBER OF ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THEIR FARMING OPERATION. THEY PLAN TO GO BACK TO PRODUCING ~~BARNE~~ CORN AND MAYBE HOGS AGAIN. MRS. COX PLANS TO DO MORE FOOD PRESERVATION NOW AND SHE'S LEARNING TO SEW AGAIN. THE COX FAMILY ALL LOVES TO RIDE. THEY HAVE 30 SHETLAND PONIES AND SOME HORSES INCLUDING SOME QUARTER HORSE COLTS. THEY'VE HAD PONIES EVER SINCE LUCY WAS A YEAR OLD...THAT WOULD MAKE IT 20 YEARS. IN FACT, LUCY WON A TROPHY IN A HORSE SHOW WHEN SHE WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. THEY SELL SHETLAND PONIES AS AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF FARM INCOME. THESE ARE THE MAIN RIDERS NOW, I THINK. THAT'S MURRAY CLAIRES ON THE LEFT AND DOROTHY NELL ON THE RIGHT HERE WE SEE THEM SITTING ATOP, A RIDING ARENA THAT MURRAY BUILT SIX YEARS AGO FOR MURRAY CLAIRES FIFTH BIRTHDAY. SHE HAD A RODEO BIRTHDAY PARTY.

SLIDE FARM-15  
PONIES

SLIDE FARM-16  
GIRLS ON PONIES

SLIDE FARM-17  
GIRLS ON FENCE

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SLIDE FARM-18  
FREEZER

SLIDE FARM-19  
GIRLS IN KITCHEN

SLIDE FARM-20  
TABLE

OVER THE YEARS IT HAS BEEN A GOOD PLACE FOR THESE YOUNG LADIES TO RIDE UNDER MOTHER'S WATCHFUL EYE. MURRAY WANTED TO TEAR IT DOWN WHEN THEY BUILT THE NEW HOME BUT THE GIRLS WOULDN'T HEAR TO IT. IT'S LOCATED RIGHT BACK OF THE HOUSE. THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF FOOD FOR THE FAMILY'S NEEDS. THEY ALL GIVE MURRAY'S FATHER CREDIT FOR KEEPING THEM SUPPLIED WITH VEGETABLES. HE DOES THE GARDENING. HE GROWS A LOT OF TOMATOES AND STRAWBERRIES...IN FACT SELLS THEM COMMERCIALY. IT'S HIS HOBBY. THEY ALWAYS PUT VEGETABLES IN THE FREEZER AND KILL THEIR OWN PORK AND GOATS. ALL THE GIRLS COOK. THIS IS MAE AND HER MOTHER AT THE FAMILY FREEZER. THE GIRLS TOLD ME THAT A MEAL AT THEIR HOUSE DEPENDS ON WHO DECIDES TO DO THE COOKING BECAUSE EACH HAS THEIR FAVORITE DISHES. THESE THREE AND LUCY, WHO'S MARRIED, ARE ALL WELL KNOWN IN 4-H CLUB WORK. LINDA, ON THE LEFT, IS JUST GETTING STARTED WITH A FOOD PROJECT. KAY AND MAE ARE BOTH INTERESTED IN BASKETBALL. I GUESS THIS IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE TABLE I'VE SEEN IN A FARM HOME...ESPECIALLY FOR A LARGE FAMILY. THE CENTER PIERCE IS A LAZY SUSAN. THE TABLE WAS GIVEN TO THE FAMILY BY AN AUNT.



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## AUDIO

SLIDE FARM-21  
SEWING

I MENTIONED THAT MRS. COX SAID SHE WAS GOING TO LEARN TO SEW AGAIN NOW THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO GO TO THE STORE EVERY DAY. WELL, I DOUBT THAT SHE REALLY HAS TO LEARN AGAIN BUT IN CASE SHE SHOULD SHE WILL HAVE AN EXCELLENT TEACHER IN HER 18 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER KAY. KAY'S 4-H CLUB PROJECT IS CLOTHING. SHE WON THE STATE DRESS REVUE CONTEST AT STATE COLLEGE LAST SUMMER AND ATTENDED NATIONAL 4-H CLUB CONGRESS IN CHICAGO AS A RESULT. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN SWEEPS-STAKES WINNER AT THE MID-SOUTH CONTEST. HER OLDER SISTER LUCY WAS AN EXCELLENT SEAMSTRESS AND EVEN MADE HER OWN WEDDING GOWN. KAY MADE MOST OF THE DRAPERIES INT THEIR HOME. SHE FIRST LEARNED SEWING FROM HERMOTHER AND THEN WORKED OUT THE REST FOR HERSELF WITH THE HELP OF HER 4-H CLUB LEADERS. MRS. COX AND THE GIRLS WERE ESPECIALLY EMPHATIC IN THEIR PRAISE OF MRS. E.L. HAWKINS WHO WAS ADULT 4-H CLUB LEADER FOR BOTH LUCY AND KAY. THESE TWO CHARMING YOUNG LADIES, MAE ON THE LEFT AND LINDA ON THE RIGHT, ALONG WITH THEIR MOTHER, DID MOST OF THE OPERATING OF THE STORE. MAE IS AN OUTSTANDING MUSICIAN. SHE PLANS TO ENTER THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC CONTEST IN MARCH. SHE IS

SLIDE FARM-22  
two girls

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SLIDE FARM-23  
WOMEN IN YARD

CAMERA ON FAMILY

ALSO ACTIVE IN MUSIC IN SCHOOL AND HER CHURCH. SHE SOMETIMES PLAYS THE CHURCH PIANO AND ORGAN. SHE BELONGS TO THE BETA CLUB, F.H.A., 4-H, Y-TEENS, MUSIC CLUB, CHORAL GROUP AND SEXTETTE AND SHE IS A CHEERLEADER. LINDA IS A 4-H CLUB MEMBER, MEMBER OF JUNIOR Y-TEENS AND CHORAL GROUP. MRS. COX LOVES FLOWERS AND HAS BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPED AROUND HER HOME. HERE WE SEE HERE WITH ASSOCIATE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT, MRS. MARIAN QUINN. MARIAN WAS ASSISTANT HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT IN CHARGE OF GIRLS 4-H CLUB WORK WHEN LUCY AND KAY STARTED IN 4-H CLUB WORK. BOTH SHE AND HOP PRICE HAVE HELPED GREATLY IN THE 4-H CLUB EFFORTS OF THIS FAMILY. HOP PRICE HAS HELPED WITH THE GIRLS BEEF CLUB PROJECTS. I UNDERSTAND LUCY COX WAS ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING LIVESTOCK JUDGES HE HAD IN 4-H CLUB WORK. MR. AND MRS. MURRAY COX AND THEIR GIRLS BELONG TO THE MADISON METHODIST CHURCH WHERE MURRAY IS A STEWARD AND MRS. COX IS AN M.Y.F. COUNSELOR AND WHERE KAY IS SECRETARY OF HER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AND VICE PRESIDENT OF M.Y.F., MAE IS SECRETARY AND LINDA IS FUND TREASURER FOR M.Y.F. THE COX FAMILY BELONGS TO THE FARM BUREAU AND THE P.T.A. MURRAY IS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY LIVESTOCK

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ASSOCIATION AND A MEMBER OF THE CITIZEN'S COUNCIL. MURRAY, BY THE WAY, WAS A 4-H CLUB MEMBER AS A BOY. I COULD TELL MUCH MORE ABOUT THIS FINE FAMILY BUT NOW I WANT YOU TO MEET THEM.

1. MURRAY, DO YOU PLAN ANY BIG CHANGES IN YOUR FARMING OPERATION?
2. MRS. COX, WHAT ARE YOUR HOPES FOR THE CHILDREN?
3. KAY, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO?
4. MAE, DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS?
5. LINDA, HOW DO YOU LIKE BEING ONE OF A FAMILY OF GIRLS?
6. MURRAY CLAIRE, WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO MOST AT HOME?
7. DOROTHY NELL, WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO?
8. ASK AGENTS WHAT THIS FAMILY MEANS TO 4-H IN MADISON COUNTY.